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SUBJECT:AVIATION WEEK STORY ON "F-5G"

1. "AVIATION WEEK AND SPACE TECHNOLOGY" ISSUE OF AUGUST 21
CONTAINS LENGTHY STORY TO EFFECT THAT USAF HAS ASKED
NORTHROP TO DESIGN A HIGH PERFORMANCE, ALL-WEATHER, SINGLE
ENGINE VERSION OF THE F-5 FIGHTER TO BE ARMED WITH THE
AIM-7 SPARROW MISSILE "TO SATISFY THE NATIONALIST CHINESE
AIR FORCE'S REQUIREMENT FOR AN ALL-WEATHER AIR DEFENSE
INTERCEPTOR". STORY STATES THE NEW INTERCEPTOR HAS BEEN
CHRISTENED THE F-5G AND WILL BE POWERED BY THE GENERAL
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ELECTRIC F404-GE-400 ENGINE. THE ACCOUNT IS SOURCED TO
USAF ASSISTANT DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOP-
MENT AND ACQUISITIONS, MAJOR GENERAL TIMOTHY I. AHERN. IT
GOES INTO CONSIDERABLE DETAIL AS TO PERFORMANCE CHARACTER-
ISTICS OF "F-5G" AS WELL AS ALLEGED DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN
STATE AND DOD WHICH LED TO ELABORATION OF CONCEPT. COPIES
OF ARTICLE ARE BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSIES TAIPEI AND

PEKING.

2. DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SHOULD ABSOLUTELY DECLINE COMMENT ON AVIATION WEEK STORY. CHRISTOPHER

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